


21st CENTURY SCHOLAR PLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

Students who enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program must take the Scholar Pledge to meet the following requirements:

- Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school (see chart below) to help students plan, prepare and pay for college. (Applies to Scholars in the class of 2017 and younger.)
- Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until college graduation.
- Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll in college as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by each college.
- Complete 30 credit hours each year in college to stay on track toward earning a degree on time.
- Do not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.

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| 09 | Create a Graduation Plan ¹ | Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity | Watch "Paying for College 101" |
| 10 | Take a Career Interests Assessment | Get Workplace Experience ² | Watch "Estimating Your College Costs" |
| 11 | Visit a College Campus | Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT) | Search for Scholarships ³ |
| 12 | Submit a College Application | Watch "College Success 101" | File a FAFSA |

1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.
2. Includes job-shadowing, internship, part-time employment or related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.
3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunity beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.

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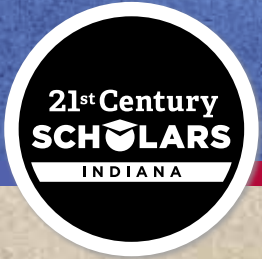
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HELP YOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUCCEED IN INDIANA'S 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

HOW CAN I
HELP MY
HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARS
SUCCEED?



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21st CENTURY SCHOLARS

helps students succeed in high school, college and beyond.

Students in the 21st Century Scholars program have taken the Scholar Pledge to achieve academic success, remain drug- and crime-free, and complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities to help them prepare for college. This commitment can earn them a scholarship covering up to four years of tuition at an Indiana college.




The Scholar Success Program is a new requirement that’s designed to help Scholars remain on track for accessing and succeeding in college. Scholars in the class of 2017 and younger must complete three practical activities at each grade level to help them plan, prepare and pay for college.



Help your Scholars stay on track with ScholarTrack!

Help your Scholars get started on the right path

Every freshman and sophomore Scholar should receive a program guide with information and resources to help them fulfill their requirements. You can also serve as a resource for freshmen and sophomores to help them complete the following activities. **And please remind Scholars:** To earn credit for meeting each requirement, they must log in to their ScholarTrack accounts to confirm they’ve completed the activities.

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|  <p>PLAN</p> <p>Help Scholars create a Graduation Plan on IndianaCareerExplorer.com.</p> | <p>Guide Scholars through the career interest assessment at IndianaCareerExplorer.com.</p> |
|  <p>PREPARE</p> <p>Connect Scholars to extracurricular activities that align with their goals and interests.</p> | <p>Help Scholars gain workplace experience by connecting them to job-shadow or internship opportunities.</p> |
|  <p>PAY</p> <p>Remind Scholars to watch “Paying for College 101” at Scholars.IN.gov/payingforcollege.</p> | <p>Remind Scholars to watch “Estimating Your College Costs” at Scholars.IN.gov/collegecosts.</p> |

Students can track their progress online, and so can you

High school freshmen and sophomores have access to ScholarTrack, an online tool that provides them with a personalized account and guides them through the steps to complete the Scholar Success Program. Encourage your Scholars to create and maintain their accounts.



Request a master ScholarTrack account for your school

If your school doesn’t already have a master ScholarTrack account, designate a staff member (a principal, counselor or other school administrator) to request the account. Once you receive a master account, individual accounts for counselors and administrators can be created to track Scholars’ progress toward completing the Scholar Success Program. You will be able to access many resources and tools to help Scholars prepare for success in college.

- DESIGNATE A STAFF MEMBER TO REQUEST A MASTER SCHOLARTRACK ACCOUNT
- VISIT [Scholars.IN.gov/scholartrack](https://scholars.in.gov/scholartrack)
- CLICK “NEW SCHOOL ACCOUNT” & SUBMIT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION

Resources to help you help them

Scholars.IN.gov
The new 21st Century Scholars website is a comprehensive resource for both students and school administrators. You’ll find tools and materials to help guide Scholars in completing the necessary requirements and earning their scholarships.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND LOCAL SUPPORT
21st Century Scholars has eight regional outreach coordinators throughout the state who are available to help schools and Scholars. To find the coordinator in your area, visit **Scholars.IN.gov/staff**. You can also reach support staff through the Scholars helpline or email address listed below.

There may also be a community organization in your area that is a member of Learn More Indiana’s College Success Coalition, a partnership of local organizations dedicated to increasing college access and success. Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/coalitions** to connect with partner organizations in your community.

Contact us

Scholars.IN.gov
Scholars Helpline: 1-888-528-4719
Email: Scholars@che.IN.gov

LearnMoreIndiana.org
Learn More Indiana Helpline: 1-800-992-2076

Facebook: [Facebook.com/LearnMoreIN](https://www.facebook.com/LearnMoreIN)
Twitter: [Twitter.com/LearnMoreIN](https://twitter.com/LearnMoreIN)

Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars is led by the **Indiana Commission for Higher Education** with support from the Commission’s **Learn More Indiana** initiative, a partnership of state and local organizations working to help all Hoosier students succeed in school, complete college and connect to careers.



I'M A 21ST CENTURY SCHOLAR AND I'M TRYING TO PLAN FOR COLLEGE.

GREAT! THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM OFFERS MANY RESOURCES TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PREPARE.

WHERE CAN I FIND THESE RESOURCES?

LET'S START AT **Scholars.IN.gov**. THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION AND USEFUL TOOLS THAT WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR SUCCEEDING IN COLLEGE.

